

Appl. No. 10/643,446

Response dated: October 31, 2005

Reply to Final Office Action of August 29, 2005

Amendment to the Specification

- Please insert the following heading before paragraph [0001]:
"SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION"
- Please replace paragraph [0018], beginning on page 2 and ending on page 3 with the following rewritten version:

[0018] The second joint element 20 is a closed ring that extends lengthwise, in whose ~~longitudinal~~ narrow sides borings 21, 22 are cut, forming a receptacle for the end sections 31, 32. The spacing of the two longitudinal sides of the second joint element 20 is a few millimeters greater than the outer diameter of the first joint element 10; the spacing of the two narrow sides is greater so that when the outer joint element 20 is placed upon the end sections 31, 32 of the first joint element 10 there will be a specific deformation path.